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RESPONSE

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The Official Action mailed January 5, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for One Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to April 5, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on August 23, 2002 and October 31, 2003.

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Claims 1-3, 5-22, 24-39 and 41-58 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 18, 35, 55 and 57 are independent. The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 35-39, 41-51, 54, 57 and 58 and the indication of the allowability of claims 2, 3, 5, 21, 22, 24 and 56 (pages 9-10, Paper No. 123103). For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 3 of the Official Action continues to reject claims 1, 6-20, 25-34, 52, 53 and 55 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the combination of claims 10, 12, 14, 16, 17 and 20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,204,101 to